



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



February 2000

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons		Estimated Damage	Property		Crops	Character of Storm
					Killed	Injured					

CONNECTICUT, Northeast

CTZ002>004

Hartford - Tolland - Windham

18 1130EST
19 1200EST

0 0

Heavy Snow

Low pressure tracking from the Ohio Valley to the coast of southern New England brought heavy snow to north central and northeast Connecticut. Snowfall amounts up to 7 inches were reported, with the highest amounts in Hartford County. The storm, which coincided with the beginning of the Presidents' Day holiday weekend and school vacation week, snarled traffic on major highways and created treacherous driving conditions. At Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, about 60 percent of the scheduled flights were canceled at the height of the storm, and the airport was closed at 5 pm for a half-hour of snow clearing.

Some snowfall totals include 7 inches in Burlington and Manchester; and 6 inches in East Hartford, Wethersfield, and Pomfret.

MASSACHUSETTS, Central and East

MAZ012>013-017-019-022-024

Southern Worcester - Western Norfolk - Northern Bristol - Eastern Plymouth - Barnstable - Nantucket

14 1130EST
15 1515EST

0 0

Strong Wind

MAZ015>016-020

Suffolk - Eastern Norfolk - Southern Bristol

14 1130EST
12 1230EST

0 0

High Wind (G72)^M

Low pressure tracking from central Massachusetts into northern New England brought a period of high winds to parts of eastern Massachusetts. At the Blue Hill Observatory in Milton, a peak gust of 83 mph was reported just before noon, with sustained winds of 58 mph. In Boston, sustained winds of 40 mph were measured at Logan International Airport just after noon, with gusts to 54 mph. Farther to the south, a wind gust to 69 mph was reported at the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier at 1120 am. Strong winds were also felt throughout central and eastern Massachusetts, with sustained winds around 30 mph and gusts up to 50 mph reported around noon. Some of the stronger gusts observed include 51 mph in Taunton and 46 mph in Norwood. Other than a few reports of downed tree limbs across parts of the south coast, there were no reports of damage or widespread power outages.

MAZ010>011

Eastern Hampshire - Eastern Hampden

16 0500EST
0800EST

0 0

Snow Squalls

Snow squalls during the morning commute made travel difficult on portions of Interstate 91 and Route 5, resulting in some 40 accidents. Most of the accidents were fender-benders, and no injuries resulted, but sections of both routes and Route 141 through Easthampton had to be closed for a short time. Most of the accidents occurred in Holyoke and Easthampton.

MAZ002>019

Western Franklin - Eastern Franklin - Northern Worcester - Western Middlesex - Western Essex - Eastern Essex - Western Hampshire - Western Hampden - Eastern Hampshire - Eastern Hampden - Southern Worcester - Western Norfolk - Southeast Middlesex - Suffolk - Eastern Norfolk - Northern Bristol - Western Plymouth - Eastern Plymouth

18 1200EST
19 1200EST

0 0

Heavy Snow

Low pressure tracking from the Ohio Valley to the coast of southern New England brought heavy snow to much of the Bay State, with the exception of the south coast, Cape Cod, and the Islands where only 2 to 5 inches of snow fell. Most places ended up with 6 to 8 inches of snow from the storm, but as much as 10 inches fell across northern Massachusetts. The storm, which coincided with the beginning of the Presidents' Day holiday weekend and school vacation week, snarled traffic on major highways and created treacherous driving conditions. Dozens of accidents were reported, many of which were due to excessive speed. At Logan International Airport in Boston, where 8 inches of snow fell, about 60 percent of the scheduled flights in and out of the airport were canceled at the height of the storm.

Some snowfall totals include 10 inches in Athol and Methuen; 9 inches in Erving, Westborough, Tyngsboro, and Woburn; 8 inches in Northampton, Palmer, Deerfield, Ashburnham, North Andover, Newburyport, Chelmsford, Norwood, and Norton; 7 inches in



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MASSACHUSETTS, Central and East

Springfield, Grafton, Hyde Park, and Stoughton; and 6 inches in Foxboro, Easton, Needham, and Belchertown.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, Southern

NHZ011>012

Cheshire - Hillsborough

18 1230EST
19 1300EST

0 0

Heavy Snow

Low pressure tracking from the Ohio Valley to the coast of southern New England brought heavy snow to southern New Hampshire. In Cheshire and Hillsborough Counties, snowfall amounts averaged between 7 and 12 inches. The storm, which coincided with the beginning of the Presidents' Day holiday weekend and school vacation week, snarled traffic on major highways and created treacherous driving conditions. At the Manchester Airport, travelers had to cope with the same delays and cancellations that affected airports up and down the East Coast. About 60 percent of the flights were canceled during the height of the storm.

Some snowfall totals include 12 inches in Weare; 11 inches in Jaffrey, Franconia, New Ipswich, and Peterborough; 10 inches in Marlow, Walpole, Greenfield, Hillsborough, and Nashua; 9 inches in Keene, Rindge, and Manchester; and 8 inches in Merrimack and Milford.

RHODE ISLAND

RIZ001-003>006

Northwest Providence - Western Kent - Eastern Kent - Bristol - Washington

14 1130EST
15 1515EST

0 0

Strong Wind

RIZ002-007

Southeast Providence - Newport

14 1130EST
15 1230EST

0 0

High Wind (G51)

Low pressure tracking across Connecticut and central Massachusetts brought a period of high winds to parts of Rhode Island around noon. In East Providence, a gust to 58 mph was reported, while in Tiverton, winds gusted to 59 mph. Strong winds buffeted all of the Ocean State during the late morning and early afternoon, with sustained winds near 35 mph and wind gusts up to 55 mph. Some of the higher gusts reported include 54 mph at T.F. Green State Airport in Warwick, 53 mph in Woonsocket, 50 mph in Warren and Westerly, 47 mph in North Kingstown, and 46 mph in Newport. No wind damage was reported.

RIZ001>006

Northwest Providence - Southeast Providence - Western Kent - Eastern Kent - Bristol - Washington

18 1300EST
19 1300EST

0 0

Heavy Snow

Low pressure tracking from the Ohio Valley to the coast of southern New England brought heavy snow to much of the Ocean State, with the exception of the south coast where 3 to 5 inches of snow fell. Most places in central and northern Rhode Island received 6 to 8 inches of snow from this storm, with the highest amounts in northwest Providence County. The storm coincided with the beginning of the Presidents' Day holiday weekend and the start of school vacation week, and snarled traffic on major highways and created treacherous driving conditions. Dozens of accidents were reported, many due to excessive speed. At T.F. Green State Airport in Warwick, where nearly 5 inches of snow fell, about 60 percent of the scheduled flights were canceled during the height of the storm.

Some snowfall totals from the storm include 8 inches in Smithfield; 7 inches in Burrillville and North Kingstown; and 6 inches in downtown Providence, Warwick, Woonsocket, Cranston, and Hopkinton.